

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, on your amendment. Would you want the call of the house?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I think it is only fair to them.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: They would probably want to have people here to hear what they have to say if they are going to either be supportive or in opposition to my amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Please record your presence. We are looking for Senator Morehead, Senator Labedz, Senator Landis, Senator Harris. Okay, we are all here. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I am sorry to have to ask people to come in for a call of the house but we had other speakers on this amendment, and I don't understand how we could talk about the amendment without anyone being around or having my input on the amendment prior to it. I haven't talked a lot on this issue. We have been doing a lot of discussion on the floor about public concern here and I have been doing a lot of listening, and I just would like to have it known that as a member of the Public Works Committee I have been involved in this issue for two years plus the interim that we have been in dealing with the issue. So we have had a lot of discussion in our committee about this issue. And I guess one thing that I finally...a point that I came to in my own thinking is we will have deregulation. Deregulation has taken place at the federal level. It will come down to us. Rates will increase and that is why I am on the side of trying to do something in legislation at the state level and making that piece of legislation be the best piece we can put out. You know, I know that I may be at odds with some people that don't like to make what they consider to be bad legislation better. I am not looking at this legislation as bad legislation. I am looking at trying to put together a piece of legislation that will deal with this issue that we are going to be having to be concerned about in this